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In re Patent Application of

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For: DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIATION  
OF EUBACTERIAL TAXA USING A HYBRIDIZATION  
ASSAY

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March 10, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION TO EXTEND**

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for three (3) month(s) from the due date of December 11, 2007, of the Official Action dated September 11, 2007.

An extension fee of \$1050.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**.

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